



## CLAIM FILING DEADLINES SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (VCF)

There are **two** important deadlines for filing a VCF claim:

- **The first deadline is the date by which you must Register with the VCF to be recognized as a Claimant.** This deadline is different for each Claimant as it is dependent on individual circumstances as explained below.
- **The second deadline is the date by which you must file your completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms and the required supporting documents.** This deadline is **October 3, 2016** and is the same for **all** claimants.

### **Deadline 1: Register (file a REGISTRATION FORM) with the VCF:**

In general, Claimants with a qualified injury who plan to file a claim with the Fund will have two (2) years to file a REGISTRATION FORM in order to preserve your right to file a claim. Claimants who were diagnosed with physical harm resulting from the September 11th attacks on or before October 3, 2011 should have registered by October 3, 2013. If you were diagnosed with a 9/11-related condition after October 3, 2011, you must Register within two (2) years of the date of your diagnosis.

The final rule adding certain types of cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions took effect on October 12, 2012. Therefore, if you were diagnosed with one of the covered cancers on the list on or before October 12, 2012, you must file your Registration Form with the VCF by October 12, 2014. If you were diagnosed with a covered cancer after October 12, 2012, you must file your Registration Form within two (2) years of the date you were diagnosed. If you are filing a claim for Prostate Cancer and were diagnosed before October 21, 2013, you have until October 21, 2015 to register since Prostate Cancer was added to the list of covered cancers effective October 21, 2013.

**To Register with the VCF:** In order to meet the applicable two-year deadline, you must do one of the following:

- Claimants using the ONLINE system must complete and submit the Registration Form (and receive a VCF claim number).
- Claimants submitting a HARD COPY claim must complete and mail Eligibility Form Part I, even if the remainder of the form is not complete.

### **Deadline 2: File Complete ELIGIBILITY AND COMPENSATION FORMS and required Supporting Documents:**

The Zadroga Act authorizes the VCF to receive claims for five years from the date the VCF opened, which was October 3, 2011. Regardless of the applicable two (2) year deadline for filing your Registration Form with the VCF, **all** claim forms must be filed by **October 3, 2016**. This includes your completed ELIGIBILITY AND COMPENSATION FORMS with the properly executed Attestations, Certifications and Exhibits.

The table on page 2 summarizes the specific deadlines for filing a claim with the VCF depending on individual Claimant circumstances. The Special Master does not have the authority to extend the filing deadlines.



To Register (file a Registration Form) with the VCF:			
Claimant Circumstances	Applicable Registration Deadlines*	What Must Be Filed to Meet the Registration Deadline	
		ONLINE	HARD COPY
Claimant diagnosed with a 9/11-related condition <i><b>on or before October 3, 2011</b></i>	<b>October 3, 2013</b>	Complete Registration Form (receive VCF claim number)  <a href="#">Register Now</a>	Complete and Mail Eligibility Form Part I (even if the remainder of the form is not complete)
Claimant diagnosed with a 9/11-related condition <i><b>after October 3, 2011</b></i>	Two (2) years from the date the Claimant was diagnosed, but no later than <b>October 3, 2016</b>		
Claimant diagnosed with Cancer (other than Prostate Cancer) resulting from the 9/11 attacks <i><b>on or before October 12, 2012</b></i>	<b>October 12, 2014</b>		
Claimant diagnosed with Prostate Cancer resulting from the 9/11 attacks <i><b>on or before October 21, 2013</b></i>	<b>October 21, 2015</b>		
Claimant's known condition was not on the original list of qualified injuries but was added to the list <i><b>after October 21, 2013</b></i>	Two (2) years from the date the specific condition was added to the list of qualified injuries, but no later than <b>October 3, 2016</b>		
To File a Complete Claim (Eligibility and Compensation Forms) with the VCF:			
Claimant Circumstances	Deadline*	What Must Be Filed to Meet the Claim Forms Deadline	
		ONLINE	HARD COPY
<b>ALL CLAIMANTS</b>	<b>October 3, 2016</b>	All claim forms, including <i>completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms</i> with properly executed Attestations, Certifications and Exhibits	

\* The applicable deadline is the date by which the required forms must be submitted/uploaded to your online claim or postmarked (if sending by mail). If the date falls on a Sunday or a Federal Government holiday, the forms must be submitted/uploaded or postmarked by the next business day.

#### Need to reach the VCF?

If you need assistance filing your claim, or have questions about deadlines or the claims process, please visit the [www.vcf.gov](http://www.vcf.gov) website. You may also call the VCF toll-free Helpline at 1-855-885-1555 (or 1-855-885-1558 for the hearing impaired). If you are calling from outside the United States, please call 1-202-353-0356. Staff are available to answer your questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.